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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT SPECIAL SESSION ON AGRICULTURE

1. THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT HAS SCHEDULED A SPECIAL SESSION THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN AGRICULTURE IN THE COMMUNITY. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE PARLIAMENT, THIS IS THE FIRST SPECIAL SESSION EVER DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO AGRICULTURE AND WAS REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COUNCIL. FIRM COMMITMENTS TO ATTEND THE SESSION HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE OF FRANCE (THE CURRENT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN), LUXEMBOURG AND
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THE NETHERLANDS AND THE ATTENDANCE OF OTHER MINISTERS IS

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POSSIBLE. THE SESSION WILL BE A PRELUDE TO THE
AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18 AND
THE MINISTERS WILL HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE VIEWS OF
MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DURING THEIR COUNCIL MEETING.

2. THIS SPECIAL SESSION PRESENTS AN UNAVOIDABLE CONFLICT
FOR SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WHO ARE
INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURE BUT WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY COMMITTED
THEMSELVES TO PARTICIPATING IN THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY
MEETING SEPTEMBER 16 TO 21 IN WASHINGTON AND SAN FRANCISCO
BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ITALIAN CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRAT VETRONE HAS CANCELLED HIS PLANS TO PARTICIPATE IN
THE US VISIT, ALTHOUGH OTHER IMPORTANT MEMBERS OF THE
PARLIAMENT'S AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE - ITS CHAIRMAN HOUDET OF
FRANCE AND BAAS OF THE NETHERLANDS - HAVEINDICATED THEY
WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE VISIT. THIS CONFLICT MAY LEAD THE
PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO REQUEST THAT THEIR APPOINTMENT
WITH AGRICULTURE SECRETARY BUTZ IN WASHINGTON BE CHANGED
FROM SEPTEMBER 16 TO SEPTEMBER 18. THIS CONFLICT DID NOT
EXIST WHEN PLANS WERE MADE FOR THE WASHINGTON VISIT AND HAS
ARISEN BECAUSE THE AGRICULTURAL COUNCIL WAS RESCHEDULED
FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO SEPTEMBER 17. GREENWALD

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